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Kermit Edward Bye
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1937
Education: North Dakota 1959 BSBA, 1962 JD
Began Service: April 22, 2000
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Grand Forks County States Attorney (1959-1962);
Law Clerk, Nelson & Mack (1959-1962)

Government: North Dakota Deputy Securities Commissioner and Special
Assistant Attorney General (1962-1966); Assistant United States Attorney,
District of North Dakota, United States Attorney's Office, United States
Department of Justice (1966-1968)

Legal Practice: Partner, Member and Stockholder, Vogel, Weir, Bye, Hunke
& McCormick (1968-2000)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar
Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society;
Federal Judges Association; State Bar Association of North Dakota

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William Jay Riley
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Nebraska 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: August 16, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Affiliation: Adjunct Professor, Trial Practice, School of Law, Creighton
University; Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy, College of Law, University of
Nebraska System

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Trial Practice, College of Law, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Donald P. Lay, United States Court of
Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1972-1973)

Chambers of Circuit Judge William Jay Riley continued

Legal Practice: Associate, Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan, PC,
LLO (1973-1979); Partner, Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan, PC,
LLO (1979-2001)

Current Memberships: American Board of Trial Advocates; American
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Staff

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Education: Creighton 2004 JD
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Chambers of Circuit Judge Michael J. Melloy

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Michael J. Melloy
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Loras 1970 BA; Iowa 1974 JD
Began Service: February 26, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the
Northern District of Iowa (1986-1992); District Judge, United States
District Court for the Northern District of Iowa (1992-2002)

Legal Practice: Partner, O'Connor, Thomas, Wright, Hammer, Bertsch &
Norby (1974-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1970-1972); United States Army
Reserve (1972-1976)

Current Memberships: The Dean Mason Ladd American Inn of Court, The
American Inns of Court; Dubuque County Bar Association; Iowa State Bar
Association; Linn County Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Rebecca Ebinger** (319) 363-7580
Education: Yale 2004 JD
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Lavenski R. Smith
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1958
Education: Arkansas 1981 BA, 1987 JD
Began Service: July 19, 2002

Academic: Assistant Professor, John Brown University (1994-1996)

Government: Regulatory Liaison, Office of the Governor, State of Arkansas
(1996-1997); Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Arkansas
(1997-1999)

Judicial: Associate Justice, Arkansas Supreme Court (1999-2000)

Chambers of Circuit Judge Lavenski R. Smith continued

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Hall, Wright & Morris (1985-1987); Staff
Attorney, Ozark Legal Services (1987-1991); Sole Proprietor, Smith Law
Office (1991-1994)

Staff

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Steven M. Colloton
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: January 9, 1963
Education: Princeton 1985 BA; Yale 1988 JD
Began Service: September 30, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Chambers of Circuit Judge Raymond W. Gruender III

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Raymond W. Gruender III
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1963
Education: Washington U (MO) 1984 BA, 1987 MBA, 1987 JD
Began Service: June 28, 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, United States
Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, George H.W. Bush
Administration (1990-1994)

Legal Practice: Associate, Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. (1987-1990);
Partner, Thompson Coburn LLP (1994-2000)

Chambers of Circuit Judge Duane Benton

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Duane Benton
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Northwestern 1972 BA; Yale 1975 JD; Memphis State 1979 MBA;
Virginia 1995 LL.M.
Began Service: July 8, 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Westminster College; Adjunct Professor,
University of Missouri Columbia School of Law

Government: Administrative Assistant, U.S. Representative Wendell Bailey
(R-MO, District 8), United States House of Representatives (1980-1982);
State Revenue Director, State of Missouri (1989-1991)

Chambers of Circuit Judge Duane Benton continued

Judicial: Judge, Missouri Supreme Court (1991-2004); Chief Justice,
Missouri Supreme Court (1997-1999)

Military Service: United States Navy (1975-1979); Judge Advocate
General CAPT., United States Navy Reserves (1979-2002)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Institute of
Certified Public Accountants; The Missouri Bar; Missouri Society of
Certified Public Accountants

Staff

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Began Service: 2007
Education: Missouri JD
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Began Service: 2007
Education: Duke JD
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Education: Missouri BA, JD

Chambers of Circuit Judge Bobby E. Shepherd

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Bobby E. Shepherd
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Ouachita Baptist 1973 BA; Arkansas 1976 JD
Began Service: October 2006
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Circuit-Chancery Judge, Arkansas 13th Judicial District
(1991-1993); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the
Western District of Arkansas (1993-2006)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1976-1990)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1976-1981)

Current Memberships: Arkansas Bar Association; Federal Magistrate
Judges Association; Union County Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Vicky Cooper** (870) 863-3173
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Law Clerk **Amanda B. Hurst** (870) 863-3173
Began Service: 2007
Education: Arkansas 2006 JD
Law Clerk **Andrew King** (870) 863-3173
Began Service: August 2007
Education: Arkansas 2003 BS, 2007 JD
Law Clerk **Spencer Singleton** (870) 863-3173
Education: Arkansas (Little Rock) 2001 JD
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